

Supporting information for

A GluN2A-Selective Pyridopyrimidinone Series of NMDAR Positive Allosteric Modulators with an Improved *in vivo* Profile

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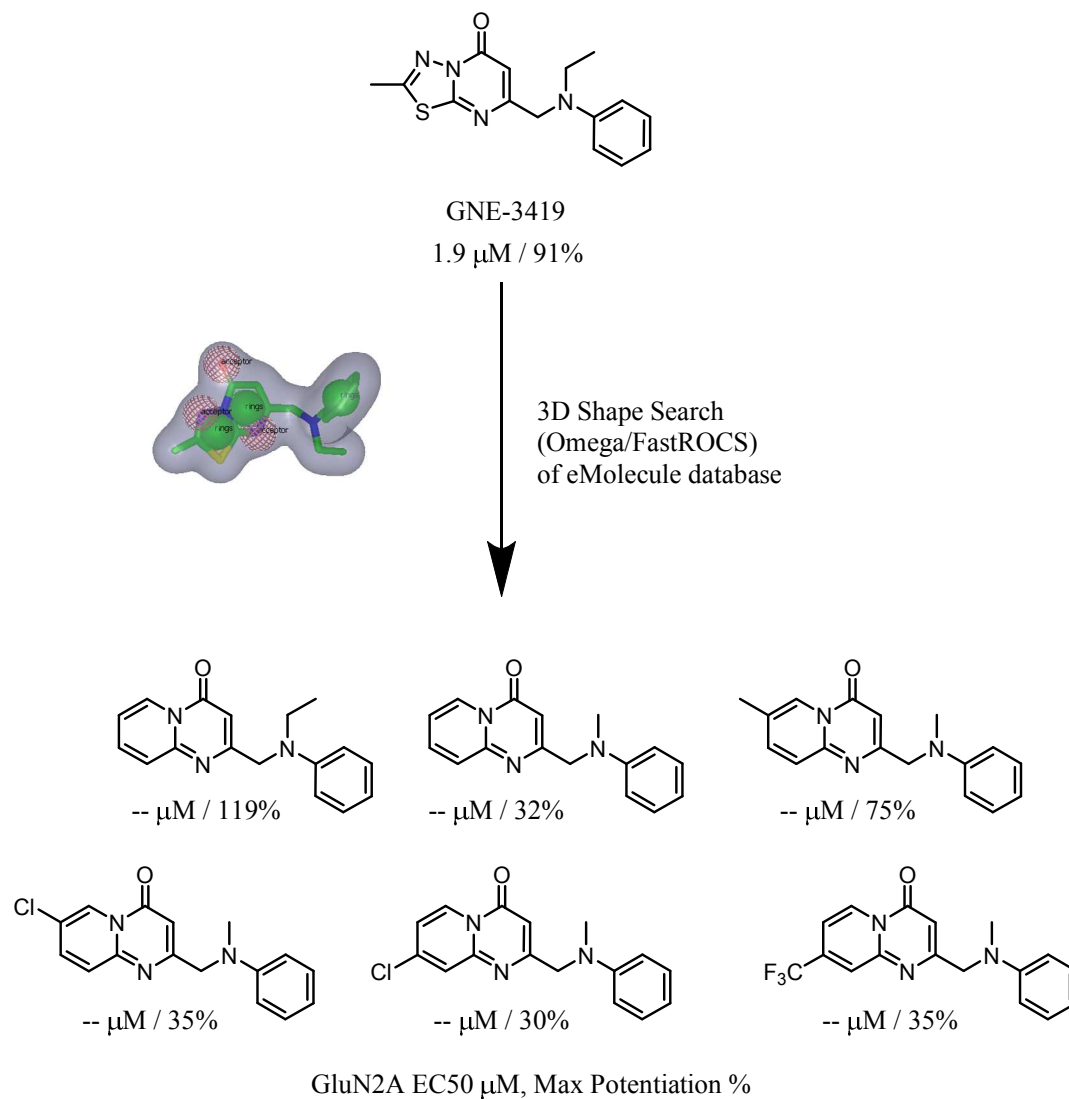
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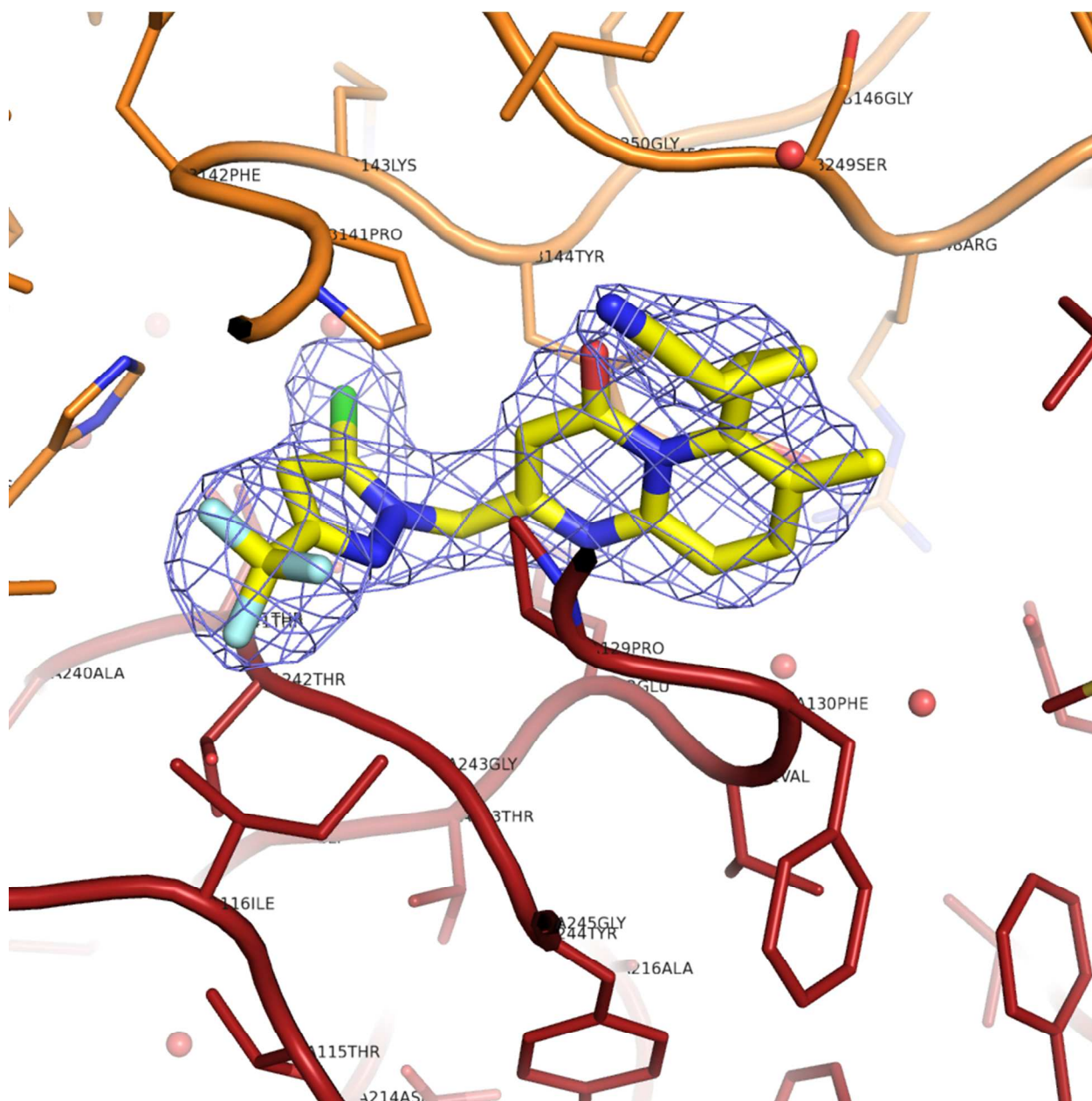
Figure S-1. 3D shape search identification of pyridopyrimidinone core



Pyridopyrimidinone compounds identified in a 3D shape search based on GNE-3419. A predicted 3D shape of GNE-3419 was used to search commercially available compounds from eMolecules. Shown are the pyridopyrimidinone-containing compounds that were ordered and the GluN2A EC₅₀'s and Maximum potentiation (EC₅₀ of “—” means no curve fit was possible. 30% = no potentiation).

The electron density is shown at a contour level of 1 sigma.

Figure S-3. Electron density map of Compound 9 bound to GluN1/GluN2A (PDB ID 5TPA)



X-Ray co-crystal structure of compound 9 (yellow) bound to GluN1 (orange) and GluN2A (Red). The electron density is shown at a contour level of 1 sigma.

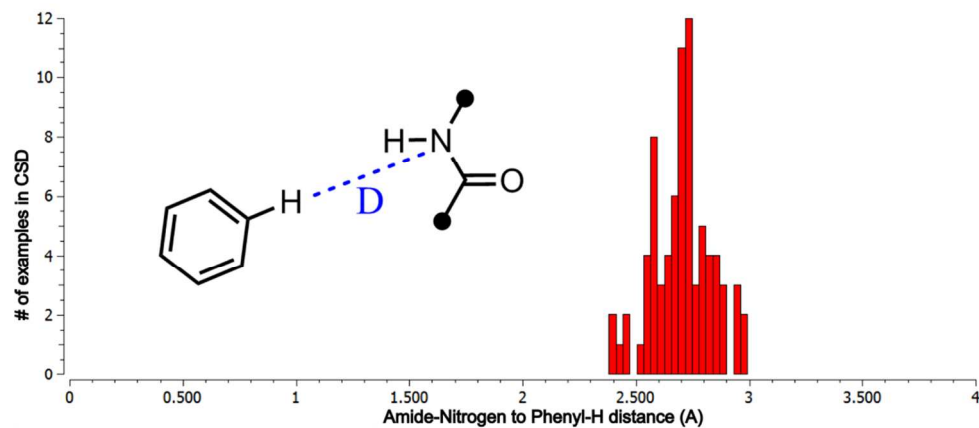
Table S-1. X-ray crystal structure data collection and refinement statistics

	GluN1/GluN2A-Cmpd 2 PDB ID 5TP9	GluN1/GluN2A-Cmpd 9 PDB ID 5TPA
Data collection		
Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
Cell dimensions		
a, b, c (Å)	56.26, 89.78, 120.86	55.76, 90.24, 122.70
α, β, γ (°)	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90
Resolution (Å)	50–2.40 (2.49–2.40)*	122.66–2.48 (2.61–2.48) *
R_{sym} or R_{merge}	0.081 (0.0.722)	0.077 (0.763)
$I / \sigma I$	19.1 (2.7)	18.6 (2.5)
Completeness (%)	100 (100)	100 (100)
Redundancy	5.9 (6.1)	7.1 (7.3)
Refinement		
Resolution (Å)	47.67–2.39	72.69–2.48
No. reflections	24871	22620
$R_{\text{work}} / R_{\text{free}}$	19.2/23.7%	19.0/24.1%
No. atoms		
Protein	4398	4349
Ligand/ion	47	43
Water	124	147
Wilson B factor	55.2	62.3
Mean B factor	53.1	55.8
r.m.s. deviations		
Bond lengths (Å)	0.010	0.010
Bond angles (°)	1.08	1.14

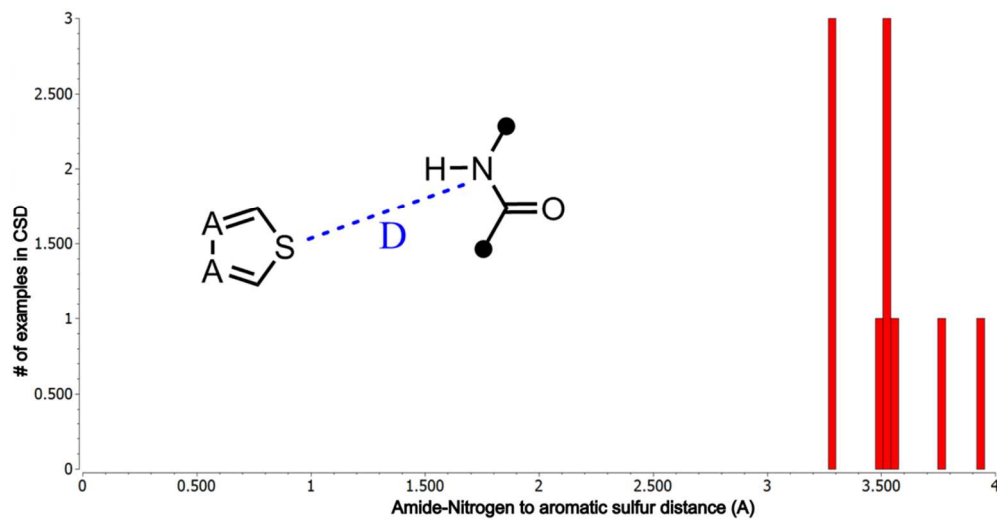
*Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.

Figure S-4 Cambridge Structural Database distance statistics

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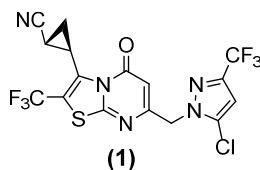


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A. Histogram of phenyl hydrogen-to-amide nitrogen distances with a edge-to-face interaction found in the Cambridge Structure Database (CSD). **B.** Histogram of thiophene sulfur to amide nitrogen distances with a edge-to-face interaction found in the Cambridge Structure Database (CSD).

Table S-2. Receptor Selectivity and DMPK Properties of compound 1



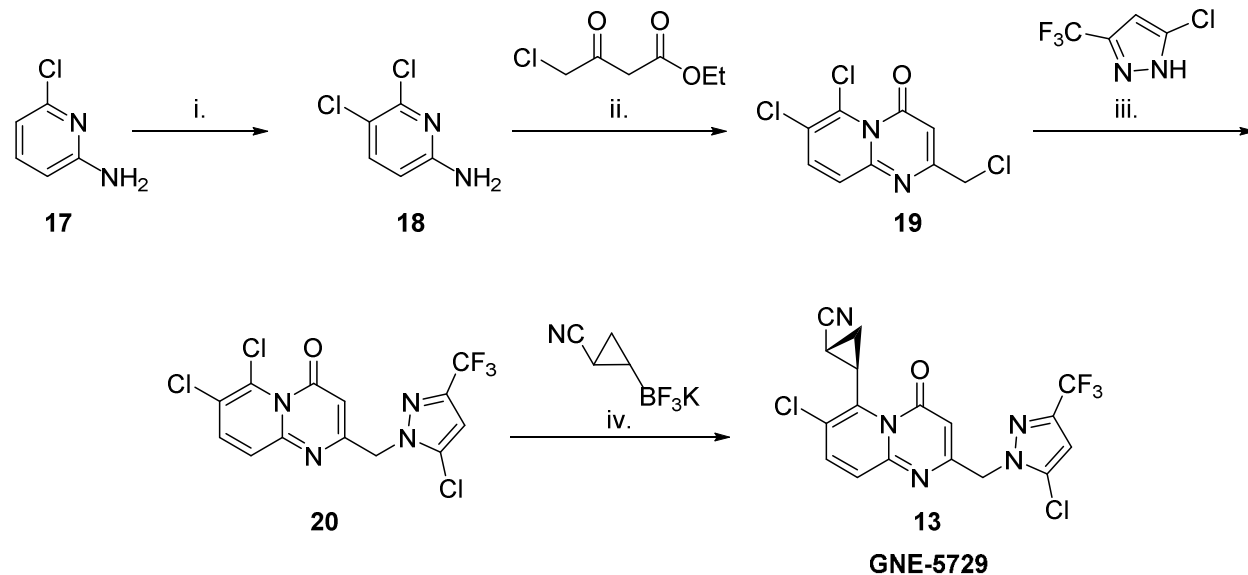
MW/LogD/TPSA		468 / 2.7 / 75	
NMDAR EC ₅₀ μM, (Max potentiation, %) ^a		AMPA EC ₅₀ , μM (Max potentiation, %) ^b	
GluN2 A/B/C/D		GluA2 Flip/Flop	
0.021 (152) / (49) / 7.4 (233) / 6.2 (160)		9.1 (84) / 5.5 (88)	
In Vitro DMPK			
LM ^c H/R/M ^d (mL/min/kg)	6 / 8 / 23	PPB ⁱ (%) H/M ^j	96.2 / 94
Hep ^e H/R/M ^d (mL/min/kg)	6 / 8 / 17	Mouse Brain Binding (%)	98.6
MDR1 ^f ER ^g (B:A/A:B) ^h	2.1	Kinetic Solubility (μM)	9.3
Mouse PK			
IV Dosing (0.3 mg/kg) ^k		PO Dosing (10 mg/kg) ^l	
Cl _{blood} /Cl _{blood,u} (mL min ⁻¹ kg ⁻¹)	26 / 433	F (%)	24
t _{1/2} (h)	4	AUC _{last,u} (μM*h)	0.20
V _{ss} (L/kg)	8.5	C _{max,u} (μM) ^m	0.046
		C _{brain,u} (μM) ⁿ	0.013
		K _{p,uu} ^o	0.62

^aNMDAR EC₅₀ values were determined in the presence of EC₃₀ glutamate and saturating glycine. Max potentiation (%) at 125 μM reported if no EC₅₀ could be obtained, where 30% denotes the assay baseline (EC₃₀ glutamate).

^bAMPA EC₅₀ values were determined in the presence of 100 μM glutamate. Max potentiation (%) at 125 μM reported if no EC₅₀ could be obtained, where 0% denotes the assay baseline due to receptor desensitization. All EC₅₀ values represent geometric means of at least two determinations. ^cLiver microsome-predicted hepatic clearance.

^dH/R/M = human/rat/mouse. ^eIn vitro stability in cryo preserved hepatocytes. ^fMDCK cells transfected with human MDR1 gene. ^gEfflux Ratio. ^hBasolateral-to-apical/apical-to-basolateral. ⁱPlasma protein binding. ^jH/M = human/mouse. ^kVehicle: 10% DMSO, 35% PEG400 in water. ^lVehicle: MCT suspension ^mFree plasma concentration at C_{max}. ⁿFree brain concentration at 1 h time point. ^oK_{p,uu} = C_{brain,u} / C_{plasma,u} at 1 h time point.

Figure S-5. Synthesis of GNE-5729 (13)^a



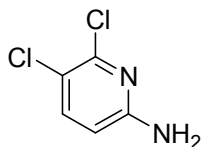
^a Reagents and conditions: (i) NCS, CH₃CN, 80°C, 63% yield; (ii) PPA, 110°C, 31% yield; (iii) KI, K₂CO₃, CH₃CN, 80°C, 40% yield; (iv) Pd(dppf)Cl₂, K₃PO₄, 1,4-dioxane, H₂O, 90°C, 9% yield.

Procedure and Characterization

General Methods

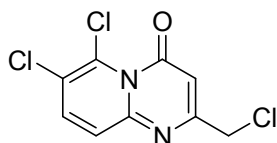
Unless otherwise indicated, all commercial reagents and anhydrous solvents were used without additional purification. ¹H-NMR spectra were measured on Bruker Avance III 300, 400, or 500 MHz spectrometers. ¹³C-NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance III 125.80 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to internal standard tetramethylsilane (δ = 0 ppm). The reported carbon multiplicities and coupling constants are from C–F coupling. High-resolution mass spectrometry of final compounds was performed on a Thermo UHPLC/QE with a Thermo-Q Exactive mass spectrometry detector using ESI ionization, after elution on an Acquity BEH C18 (2.1 mm \times 50 mm; 1.7 μ m particle size) stationary phase using a gradient of water/acetonitrile (3–97% over 7 min; 0.1% formic acid in both phases). Reactions were monitored by walkup Shimadzu LCMS/UV system with LC-30AD solvent pump, 2020 MS, SIL-30AC autosampler, SPD-M30A UV detector, and CTO-20A column oven, using 2–98% acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid (or 0.01% ammonia) over 2.5 min, or by Waters Acquity LCMS system using 2–98% acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid (or 0.1% ammonia) over 2 min. Flash column chromatography purifications were done on a Teledyne Isco Combiflash Rf utilizing Silicycle HP columns. Reverse-phase purification was carried out on a Phenomenex Gemini-NX C18 (30 mm \times 100 mm, 5 μ m) with a gradient of 5–95% acetonitrile/water (with 0.1% formic acid or 0.1% NH₄OH) over 10 min at 60 mL/min. Preparative SFC separations were performed on a PIC Solutions instrument, with conditions indicated in the Experimental Section. Analytical purity was greater than 95% as determined by LCMS using UV 254 nm detection unless stated otherwise. The melting point was determined by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) (TA Instruments-Waters L.L.C.) by using 5 mg of solid sample and measuring the onset melting temperature.

Step 1: 5,6-dichloropyridin-2-amine (17)



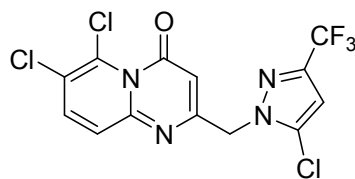
To a solution of 6-chloropyridin-2-amine (5.00 g, 38.9 mmol) in acetonitrile (50 ml) was added N-chlorosuccinimide (5.30 g, 39.3 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 18 h at 80 °C and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by chromatography with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/3) to afford 5,6-dichloropyridin-2-amine (4.00 g, 63%) as a white solid. LCMS (ESI): $M+H^+ = 163.0$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (brs, 2H).

Step 2: 6,7-Dichloro-2-(chloromethyl)-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4-one (18)



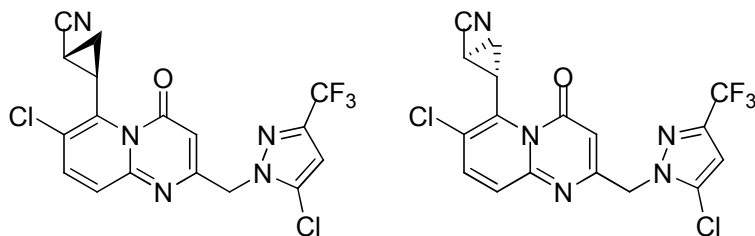
A mixture of 5,6-dichloropyridin-2-amine (4.00 g, 24.5 mmol), ethyl 4-chloro-3-oxobutanoate (8.10 g, 49.2 mmol) and PPA (21.0 g, 182 mmol) was stirred for 1 h at 110 °C. The reaction was poured into water (50 ml) and the pH value of the solution was adjusted to 7 with sodium hydroxide (1 mol/L). The resulting solution was extracted with dichloromethane (3x200 ml) and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by chromatography with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/3) to afford 6,7-dichloro-2-(chloromethyl)-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4-one (2.00 g, 31%) as a brown solid. LCMS (ESI): $M+H^+ = 263.0$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H).

Step 3: 6,7-Dichloro-2-[[5-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl]-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4-one (19)



To a solution of 6,7-dichloro-2-(chloromethyl)-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4-one (1.00 g, 3.80 mmol) in acetonitrile (50 mL) was added 5-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole (519 mg, 3.04 mmol), potassium iodide (317 mg, 1.91 mmol) and potassium carbonate (1.05 g, 7.60 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 1 h at 80 °C. Then the resulting mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by chromatography with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/9) to afford 6,7-dichloro-2-[[5-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl]-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4-one (600 mg, 40%) as yellow oil. LCMS (ESI): $M+H^+$ = 397.1; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.31 (s, 2H).

Step 4: (1R,2R)-2-(7-chloro-2-[[5-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl]-4-oxo-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile and (1S,2S)-2-(7-chloro-2-[[5-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl]-4-oxo-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (**13**, GNE-5729)



To a solution of 6,7-dichloro-2-[[5-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl]-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4-one (440 mg, 1.11 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane/ H_2O (6 mL/0.6 mL) was added 2-[(1Z)-[(difluoropotassio)-lambda3-fluoranylidene]boranyl]cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (577 mg, 3.34 mmol), 1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenepalladiumdichloride (250 mg, 0.342 mmol) and potassium phosphate (707 mg, 3.34 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 15 h at 90 °C and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1/9) to afford the racemic product (100 mg, 21%). Then this product was purified by Chiral-Prep-HPLC with the following conditions: Column, Chiralpak IC-3, 0.46*5cm, 3um;

mobile phase, Hex and EtOH (hold 30.0% EtOH in 8 min); Detector, uv 254 nm to afford two isomers:

(Retention time, 4.082 min) GNE-5729 (**13**): (1R,2R)-2-(7-chloro-2-[[5-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl]-4-oxo-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile as a yellow solid (40.7 mg, 9%). $[\alpha]_D -134.56$ (c. 0.3, in CH_2Cl_2); mp 136 °C (crystalline form), Tg 55.2 °C (amorphous form). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{ON}_5\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3$ (M+H)⁺ = 428.0287. Found: 428.0273; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 9.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 3.33 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 1.84 (dt, J = 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (dt, J = 9.1, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (ddd, J = 9.2, 7.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.96, 159.57, 151.38, 143.28 (q, J_{CF} = 39.5 Hz), 137.93, 137.35, 129.75, 128.27, 127.08, 120.39 (q, J_{CF} = 269.3 Hz), 119.83, 104.43, 104.09, 53.41, 23.39, 17.50, 9.57.

And (Retention time, 2.767 min) (1S,2S)-2-(7-chloro-2-[[5-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]methyl]-4-oxo-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)cyclopropane-1-carbonitrile (42.3 mg, 9%) as a yellow solid. LCMS (ESI): $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ = 428.0; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) 7.52 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.34 (s, 2H), 3.32-3.24 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.57-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.28-1.22 (m, 1H).

